

Presidents Report 2020-2021

Another year where our fortunes have been significantly impacted by Covid 19, again, in terms of golf it has been a very positive financial impact. However, as I write this report, I am conscious of the adverse impacts in terms of health, families, communities, and on the broader economy. Indeed, many of our members have for the start of the 2021/22 Golf year been unable to access the club and enjoy a round of golf with their friends and our golfing community. The majority of our Board are also from the red zone, so the affairs of the club have had to be managed remotely without formal Board meetings since the lockdown commenced. Additionally, we have by necessity had to defer the holding of the Annual General Meeting until restrictions are lifted and we can conduct the election of office bearers and hold the AGM in a setting that is accessible to our membership.

Before I launch into the details of the year past there are some thank you's in order that are all truly deserved:

Firstly, my hard-working Board for their commitment and contribution in 2020/21. In particular, Honorary Secretary Bob Neilson for his calm and considered views and counsel, Dave Ransom (Dizzie) now in his 9th year as Captain for his continued devotion and passion in that role and for the many other tasks he volunteers for without hesitation, Graham Ferris our Treasurer who with his accountancy background ensures we comply with all the governance rules and procedures and has established systems that will benefit our Club for many years to come, Chris Goodwin my Vice President who I am disappointed to say has recently resigned from the Board. Chris has made a significant contribution to the club over many years as a director. Thank you for your service Chris. Lyn Kuskey (Ladies President and Board member) who has indicated she won't be standing for the Board this time around. Lyn has been a wonderful contributor as a member of the Board and will also be sorely missed.

To all our other Board members Kim, Col, Pat, and Larry, thank you one and all for all the good ideas and healthy debate, good humour and for shouldering a share of the workload.

Secondly, our Board and members, should be truly grateful to the work of our many volunteers, in particular the shop starters who have been in the front line throughout the pandemic and have ensured the club remained opened and functioning throughout this dreadful period in the history of JGC. Well done one and all.

Thirdly, our dedicated staff are all a pleasure to work with. The office staff do a wonderful job, thank you Linda, Marie and Gracie. Our greens staff Nick, Brendan, Warren, Shaun, Hamish and Keelan, have again ensured the course remains in great shape and that it is always well presented for competitions and visitors. Thanks also to Geoff Wilson who has continued to contribute from outside the Board as volunteer greens liaison, Junior Co-Ordinator and our fill in "certified" golf instructor who has very capably run our "Get Into Golf" program due to the absence of Jim Butt.

We welcomed four new staff Brendan Armstrong (Green Keeper), Hamish McCullagh & Keelan Healey (Apprentice Green Keepers), and Gracie McGlinchey (casual office assistant), while we saw green keeper Cody McParland depart the club.

We also welcomed four new shop volunteers David Newton, Guy Harber, Tony Van Zanen and Pat Knight in response to an appeal for more shop volunteers. Thank you for coming on board.

There are many other contributors to a successful club and our members should be aware of the significant contribution of our Ladies Golf Committee, the ladies and men who volunteer their time to assist with barbecues, catering and the various functions throughout the year. Thank you. Additionally, we have Sue Paul (Footgolf which continues to be both popular and a wonderful financial contributor to our operations), our garden volunteers, Luke Oborn grant applications, Laurie Walton Carts, Bruce Piggot mechanical, Steve Rippon various odd jobs, and our small project works volunteer group/s.

Lastly, but most importantly at this particular time Jim Butt our professional, thank you for your contribution over many years. Jim arrived at Jamberoo Golf Club in 2005, the Clubs first and only Professional golf services provider. Jim is battling some very serious health issues and we wish Jim and family well in the time ahead.

My apologies if I have overlooked anyone.

I also wish to recognise the wonderful generosity of our many sponsors, in particular major sponsors Oaks Automotive (Steve Oppert), Elders Real Estate (Viv Marris), Just Bathrooms (John Anthony) and Cleary Bros Concrete. I encourage our members to direct any business they may have towards our club sponsors.

With sadness we had to farewell a much-loved member Larry Osterhaus, tragically killed in a farm accident. Our thoughts go to the members and their families who lost loved ones during the year.

As the auditor's report will detail it has been a very successful year financially with a profit of \$263,455 compared to a profit of \$36,514 in 2019/20. An outstanding result which sets the club up for a number of initiatives planned for the year ahead (see below).

Our membership numbers (472 in 2017, 464 in 2018, 428 in 2019, and 398 in 2020) have risen to 536 as of 31 May 2021. An increase of 138 members which has contributed significantly to this profit result.

My congratulations to our men and ladies champions and representative teams for their participation and manner in which they represent our club (details below in the reports of our Captain and Ladies President).

On behalf of the Board, I also wish to recognise Judi Obrien Ladies Captain on being honoured with an Order of Australia Medal for her charity work and volunteer work at the Golf Club. Well done Judi.

Major Highlights of the Year

- Financial result of \$263,455 profit.
- A big increase in member numbers up by 138 from 398 to 536 (May 2020 to May 2021)
- Commencement of work on developing a Masterplan for the club. This plan is being prepared with the volunteer assistance of local Architect and member Terry Graham. It looks forward at all the potential works, developments, and improvements to the course we would like to achieve over the next 10-15 years. It will pull all these together into a plan with complimentary environmental, engineering, and architectural consultant input that can be presented to Council for overarching planning approval and as necessary identification of items requiring another level of development approval. It will include a vegetation management plan and most likely a water management plan. Once completed the approved Masterplan will guide the Boards decision making and financial priorities in the years ahead. Importantly it will be a key instrument to support grant applications. The Board thanks Terry Graham for his architectural and planning specialist input, and also Luke Oborn for his great work on grant applications.
- The Boards of the Golf Club and Club Jamberoo have agreed to establish a small representative negotiating team to look at the potential purchase of land (part of the 4th fairway, its green and the practice green area) by JGC. A valuer has been engaged to inform further discussions between the parties and a surveyor will be engaged to assist with proposed boundary adjustments and land title changes.
- Celebration of the Clubs 40th year since its foundation.
- Replaced irrigation electronic control system.
- New roughs mower (\$45,000 val.) acquired under lease in October 2020.
- New phone system installed in the shop and office.
- A new Point of Sale system has been approved for purchase by the Board, but its delivery, training and implementation have been delayed by the Covid restrictions.
- A lease for three new additional carts takes our fleet to thirteen, mostly electric.
- Club House Shop area and office renovation improvements continued and the new Bar (The Founders Bar) with 3 new fridges installed was officially opened. RSA Volunteers are now covering all the main trading days including Sundays.
- Donated shed erected in the works compound for which foundations were completed in the preceding year.

- Works compound security system upgraded.
- Numerous course improvements to paths, greens, tees etc.
- Suppression of couch greens infestations
- The loyalty membership discount for those members over 80 years of age who have been members for 10 or more years has been continued.

The Year Ahead

Our focus needs to remain on continuous improvement of the course and revenue related aspects associated with the club house facility as we drive to attract new members and the return of former members to our club, which will improve revenues and underpin the future success of the Club.

Completion of the Masterplan and progressing land acquisitions and some minor boundary adjustment negotiations.

Updating our Articles of Association with a new Constitution.

Improved greens management has suppressed the couch infestations and will hopefully delay any need for major green restoration work?

Key priorities for the year will be completing the \$45,000 upgrade of our aging irrigation system (i.e. replacement pumps, ring mains, dam dredging and installation of aeration fountain/s which had to be delayed due to the very wet conditions on the course over a prolonged period in the past year.

I was very pleased to have recently announced a new initiative with Ryan and Katie Dorahy being appointed volunteer Ambassadors and Junior Mentors to work with Jim Butt and Geoff Wilson. I look forward to working with them to grow our junior golfing demographic.

Membership Fee Structure Review.

Establishment of a Spring/Summer Footgolf Competition if we can get a local soccer club interested.

Phil Hahn

President

Men's Representative Teams – Captains Report

2021 marks my ninth year as Captain of Jamberoo Golf Club and I would like to thank all members for their continued support. I continue to be extremely honoured & proud to be representing you as Captain.

With the intrusion of the pandemic, it has been a trying time with many interruptions to our regular golfing operations, but we have managed to stay open, albeit with restrictions, and our competitions have continued to be played. Unfortunately we have been forced to cancel some important 'Honour Board' events.

A special weeklong 'Festival of Golf' was held in May to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the founding of our club. This culminated in the opening of the Founders Bar.

A big thank you goes to my Vice-Captain Larry Kent, Match Committee member Pat Paris and the Greens committee for their continued dedication to the club.

The efforts of Lyn Kuskey, Judi O'Brien, Rose Sheath, and the members of both the Ladies and Lady Veterans Committees should also be recognised as well.

The work of the shop volunteers in running the day-to-day business of the club is most appreciated.

A special thanks goes to Judi O'Brien, Mike Harris, John Keeling and Rod Hodgkinson whose help is invaluable in starting the competitions and to Bruce Hammond for being the Pennant starter.

To the Office workers Linda and Marie, your amazing efforts are always outstanding. I could not fulfil my role without your support and assistance.

Visitors and members alike often complement me on the beauty and condition of our course. The beauty of the gardens around the course show the dedication and commitment of this exceptional bunch of members. Those members who volunteer their time in helping in working bees are also sincerely thanked.

Greenkeeper Nick Goodger and his staff should be commended for the excellent condition of our course and their efforts in improving the pathways and surrounds.

2021 saw Jamberoo Golf Club enter 3 teams in various Golf Illawarra pennant competitions.

The C Pennant, under the leadership of Chris Leckey, continued their fine tradition of being a leading team in the pennant and this year they placed 6th in the Pennant only narrowly missing a semi-final position. A very competitive team they always were a chance to win in every match and in the end only 1 win from a semi-final position.

In the White Horse Cup, we entered two teams in this year's campaign.

The Red team, the 'magpies', and the Green team, commonly known as the 'cowpats'.

The Magpies finished second in their division earning themselves a spot in the qualifying final which they won handily to progress to the quarter finals. In a very competitive match played in miserable conditions at St George's Basin they were eliminated by the Jamberoo Green team. Well played to

this fine bunch of gentlemen who were well led by Don Thompson. They showed the true spirit of our White Horse Cup teams and were a force to be reckoned with in each match with plenty of experience on show.

The 'Cowpats' completed the preliminary season undefeated, earning the first week of the finals off. Playing our 'red' team in the quarterfinal saw them progress to the semi-final at Wollongong Golf Club in a match played in a typhoon.

Victory over the Links saw them progress to the final played at Kiama against Kiama. A very close match which could have gone either way saw our team finish second. This team played some sensational golf throughout the year, showing plenty of courage and a never give up attitude. Often ceding their opponents multiple holes and even when trailing I could always sense that the team would always take it deep and emerge on top. The efforts at Port Kembla and at Kiama in the final well illustrate this fact.

Most of the team were having their first year representing Jamberoo at Pennants and the 'top guns' showed real team spirit and commitment to the club and to each other. It was a real pleasure to see the support they gave each other, the enjoyment of the common experience, and the sharing of success. The future looks good with this young bunch of gentlemen. Thanks to Shane Townsend for his support as my vice-captain.

A great bunch of gentlemen and true champions all.

The Ladies club entered four teams into the Women's Golf Illawarra Pennants this year, one each in the 'gold' and 'silver' pennants and two in the 'bronze' pennants. Each team performed very well representing our club with pride. The gold team finishing second, the Silver team also finishing second in their division, the Bronze 'Ferns' also finishing second and the Bronze 'Rubies' reaching the final where they were narrowly defeated.

Congratulations and thanks to all those members who represented our club this year.

Our competitions continue to be well supported by members despite the extended bout of CoVid lockdowns. It was great to welcome back all of our members with the cessation of the lockdown.

Finally, congratulations go to all club champions and monthly and gold medalists.

Dave Ransom

Captain

Ladies Golf - Presidents Report

I have to agree with Phil and Dave that this past year has thrown up some obstacles.

The one good thing was the celebration of the club's 40th year.

A week of special golf events was held to include all our golfers, the ladies on Tuesday celebrated with a vintage day, dressed in clothes of the day and a lunch to match. A cake was cut by our longest serving member, Shirley Walsh and our newest member Helen Wainwright, a great day.

To end the week of celebration a social afternoon was held on the Sunday with some of our original members opening the Founders Bar, a great way to finish off a special week.

I must thank our board of directors, during this past year they have worked very hard to keep our club open but still maintain the safety and well-being of our members, volunteers, and staff.

The volunteers in the shop are always there to start our comps and see that we enjoy our game.

The office ladies, Linda, Marie, and Grace are always there to keep the club running smoothly.

Without these hard-working people we would not be able to play the game we love.

Our ladies committee are always there to back me up. We have had to cancel one charity day this past year unfortunately but with the dedication of our ladies we were able to send a small donation. The ovarian cancer day had to be postponed, but due a new format, and a lot of work, we had a great day sending on a good donation, thanks to the work of Captain Judi O'Brien, vice-Captain Pam Middlebrook, and our ladies.

Congratulations to all our champions from the past year, many of our events were held during restrictions. Well done.

Our ladies fielded 4 pennant teams, many of these ladies had never played pennants before. All our teams ended up 2nd or in the play off. Well done to all these ladies. Great effort.

We look forward to a new year that is not filled with as many hurdles as this one had thrown up at us.

Enjoy your golf

Lyn Kuskey

(Ladies President)
